

MINUTES FOR THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility
West Bend, WI

June 5, 2007
7:30 A.M.

Present: Donald Berchem, Mark McCune, Lawrence Hoffman, Charlene Brady and Chairman Daniel Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barb Villwock.

Chairman Goetz called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meetings held May 15 and 22, 2007. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that he had issued the following permits:

1. To a property owner to pave an existing driveway onto the south side of CTH D approximately 955 feet east of CTH WW
2. To a property owner to pave an existing driveway onto the south side of CTH E approximately 200 feet east of CTH CC
3. To a property owner to replace a culvert along the west side of CTH M approximately 2,600 feet south of Knollwood
4. To a property owner to install an access onto the north side of CTH C approximately 2,114 feet west of Mayfield Road
5. To We Energies for repairing a gas valve at the intersection of CTH I with CTH M
6. To Broadband Solutions, Inc. to bore under CTH CC approximately 525 feet north of STH 167 to install a new service
7. To We Energies for installing a new service on the north side of CTH K approximately 496 feet west of STH 175

Beth Blum, Wisconsin Department of Transportation project manager for the project to improve STH 145 from US 41 to US 45, requested guidance from the committee on landscaping, lighting, bicycle and pedestrian facilities to include in the design of the project. The following motions were made:

1. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to recommend that the center and approach islands of all five roundabouts on STH 145 between US 41 and US 45 be constructed of green concrete to create a maintenance free area. Motion carried with Ms. Brady and Chairman Goetz voting no.
2. A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffmann to accept responsibility for the maintenance of streetlights on STH 145 between US 45 and US 41 that will be constructed by WisDOT in accordance with its design guides to enhance the level of safety on this section of roadway. Motion carried with Mr. McCune and Mr. Berchem voting no.
3. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to request that WisDOT include a terrace behind the back of curb for the entire length of STH 145 covered by our jurisdictional transfer agreement and that said terrace be no less than 10 feet wide and extended up to 15 feet wide wherever possible to not only facilitate construction of a sidewalk in the future but also meet our present snow storage requirements. Motion carried.

The county attorney gave the committee a brief history of a property located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of CTH H with CTH W in the Town of Wayne. A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Brady to approve the following:

1. Recommendation that the Tax Deed Committee obtain title to the property by tax deed
2. Have an environmental assessment done on the property to determine the presence of any hazardous materials using highway department funds
3. Proceed with demolition of the house located on the property using highway department funds
4. Prepare a certified survey map dedicating the northwest corner of the property for highway purposes (i.e. create a vision triangle).
5. Advertise the remaining parcel for sale

Scott Weiss, chairman from the Town of Wayne, expressed the Town's support for the motion and indicated the Town's willingness to work with the highway department on this effort. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the bids submitted for the CTH NN reconstruction project. A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to award a contract to James Peterson Sons, Inc., who submitted the second lowest bid, and met the specifications in the bid documents. The low bid received did not meet the qualification requirement of being WisDOT pre-qualified as a prime contractor. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. McCune to reject all bids submitted and re-bid the project after modifying the specifications. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to inform Ayres Associates that their firm shall absorb the cost of the re-bidding of the project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann and seconded by Ms. Brady to deny the request from the Village of Germantown to share in the cost of replacing a culvert under Cedar Lane at its intersection with CTH G. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Ms. Brady to forward to the full county board for their approval an ordinance modifying Chapter 13 of the Washington County Code. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to move into closed session to discuss the overhead doors in the Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility. Roll call was taken. Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. McCune yes, Mr. Berchem, yes, Ms. Brady yes, and Chairman Goetz yes.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to authorize the commissioner and the deputy county attorney to negotiate a settlement as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve vouchers in the amount of \$90,972.34. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the results of a speed study done on CTH H in the Village of Kewaskum. No action was taken on the request received from a citizen to lower the speed limit on this section of CTH H.

A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Ms. Brady to remove outdated guardrail along the west side of CTH P immediately north of Mile View Road. Motion carried.

Chairman Goetz discussed a complaint he had received regarding the length of time traffic is stopped at the railroad crossing in Richfield. The county attorney and chairman will draft a resolution in support of RR15 to be forwarded to the full county board for their approval at a future meeting.

The committee discussed the road tour taken on May 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Berchem to adjourn at 11:07 AM. Motion carried.

Lawrence Hoffman, Secretary